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SUBJECT: CHILEAN-ARAB RELATIONS

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1. EMBOFF WAS TOLD JULY 10 BY FONMIN ESCORT OFFICER THAT RECENT EGYPTIAN MISSION (REF B) HAD BEEN CONSIDERED GREAT SUCCESS, AND THAT GOC HAS MOVED SLIGHTLY TOWARD ARAB CAUSE, SINCE ARAB STATES ARE IN BETTER POSITION THAN ISRAEL TO HELP CHILE. DIRECTOR INT'L ORG AFFAIRS FERNANDO CONTRERAS SAID GOC OFFICIALS HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY EGYPTIANS' SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AND EVIDENT DESIRE FOR MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

2. HE SAID THAT FONMINISTER'S JULY 1 TOAST TO THREE RESIDENT ARAB AMBASSADORS (REF A) HAD BEEN VERY CAREFULLY DRAFTER. IT GAVE HEARTY SUPPORT TO UNSC RES 242 BUT MADE WHAT CHILEANS CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN WORDING: FROM RESOLUTION'S PRINCIPLE OF JUST SOLUTION OF
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"REFUGEE" PROBLEM, FONMIN SHIFTED TO JUST SOLUTION OF

PROBLEM OF "PALESTINE PEOPLE," RECOGNIZING THEIR RIGHT
TO FREE DETERMINATION AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY.

3. OFFICIAL SAID GOC VOTE IN FAVOR OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS
AT RECENT ILO CONFERENCE (REF C) WAS CONSISTENT WITH DE-
CISION OF 1974 UNGA TO GRANT IT SUCH STATUS. SAID GOC
DELS TO UN-AFFILIATED MEETINGS WILL HAVE STANDARD INSTRUC-
TIONS TO ABSTAIN OR FAVOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS.

4. COMMENT: IN SEARCH FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF ARAB SUPPORT,
SEEMS LIKELY GOC WILL MOVE FROM NEUTRALITY AS LITTLE AS
IT CAN CONSISTENT WITH ITS BROADER AIM. REGIME WOULD
NOT WANT TO BE CONSIDERED ANTI-ISRAEL OR ANTI-SEMITIC.

5. WE NOW HAVE EVIDENCE THAT GOC IS HAVING SOME
SUCCESS IN WOOING ARABS: JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD CHARGE
THAT RECENT GOC ACTIONS HAVE PLACED ARAB
STATES UNDER OBLIGATION TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY ARE "AS
GOOD FRIENDS OF CHILE AS CHILE IS OF ARAB STATES."
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